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SOME COLORS IN HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

HOODACRES ORIGINATING GARDENS

First home of the world's only double pure WHITE DELPHINIUMS and where other new plants burst forth from the unseen into earth life. Some of these are announced in this catalog and other introductions will follow.

I wish to thank those who have reported results on the plants or seed from Hoodacres, and add that any help I am able to give on your plant problems will be cheerfully rendered.

Unusual interest now centers about the *new* HOOD-ACRES WHITE varieties, and since they are coming into prominence both here and abroad, I shall especially appreciate any items from those growing them.

HOODACRES is located directly on *Columbia River Highway*, the great scenic drive, five miles out from Portland city limits and midway between Portland and Troutdale. (Take Sandy Road to Birdsdales Avenue.)

Some Delphiniums are blooming throughout the season; largest showing late May through June, September and October. Visitors are always welcome.

CHAS. F. BARBER

TROUTDALE, OREGON

{ Mail and Wire Address }

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A REQUEST — Should the person receiving this Delphinium booklet have no need for it, a double favor will be conferred by passing it on to someone who is interested.



One Plant of REX OREGONUS



Hoodacres Delphiniums

—have been developing over a period of more than 25 years. Remarkable as they are for great range of rarest coloring, variety of floret forms and towering spikes of luxuriant bloom, these features rest on the great constitutional vigor of the strain. We are constantly complimented on the root system carried by our plants. And they are grown without irrigation.

Wrexham, or ‘Hollyhock’ Delphiniums

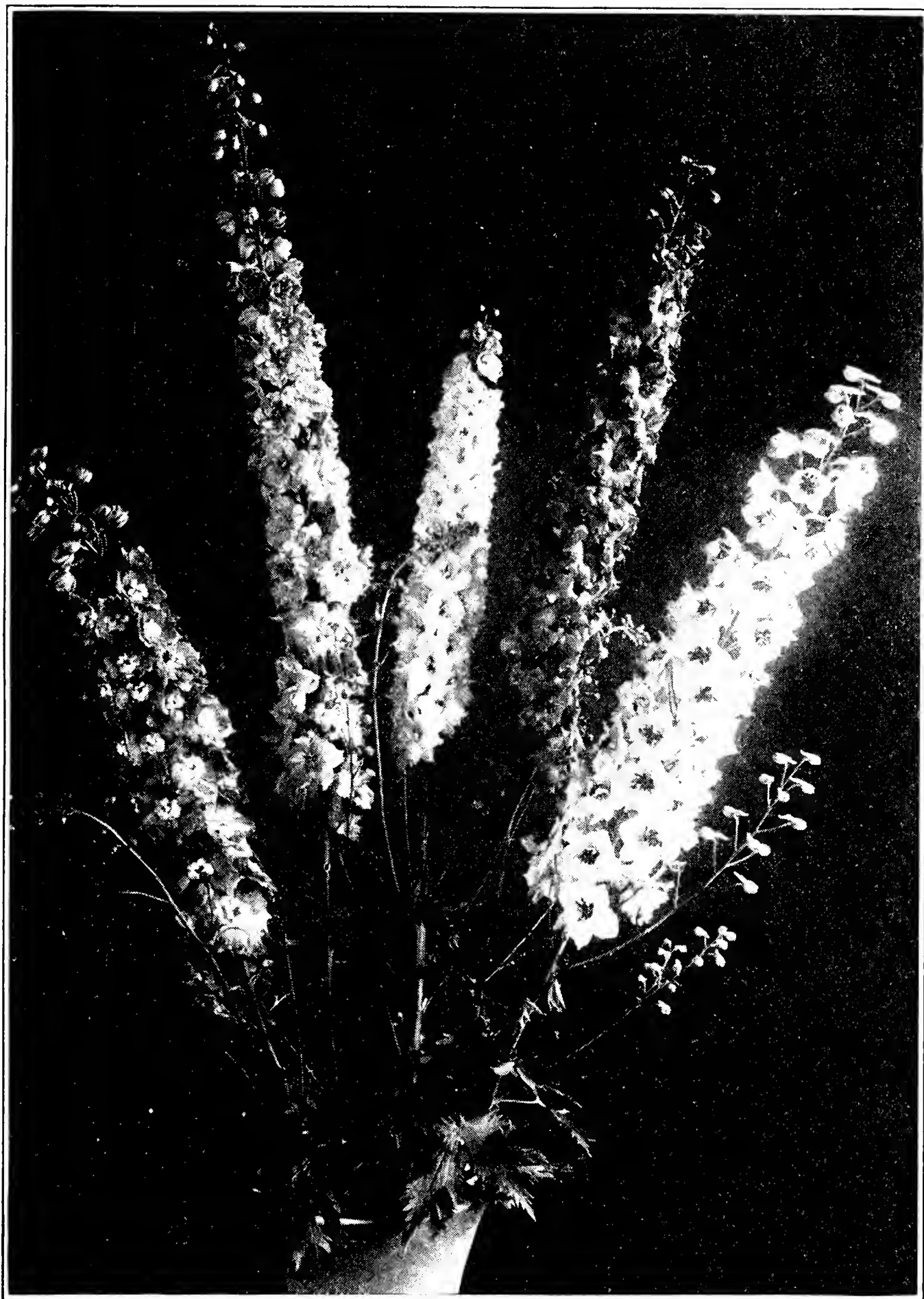
This strain is now extensively known for its massive, garden-display, spikes of bloom—broad at the base and tapering, so we need only say that, having been the first to introduce these plants to the growers in the United States, with a large initial planting, we continue to grow them in large numbers, and are prepared to send out the finest specimens to be had outside the originator’s gardens.

Hoodacres Specialties

A perfect Delphinium garden will contain other things as foils. One of these is the improved Japanese Iris, another is the Hybrid Heuchera, and with both of these we have done extensive hybridizing and development. Also the greatly improved Daylilies in yellows and oranges.

LEADING GROWERS OF THE WORLD

Robbinston, Maine, September 1933. “I have great regard for your achievements, in fact am convinced that you are the best man in the Delphinium field in America. Since I have plants of all the leading growers in the world, including all the distinguished English growers, my admiration for your work is based on experience.”



Cut Spikes: RAMA, QUAPAW, HOODACRES WHITE,
SHASTA, BILOXI



HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY

Chaste White Delphiniums

The New HOODACRES WHITES

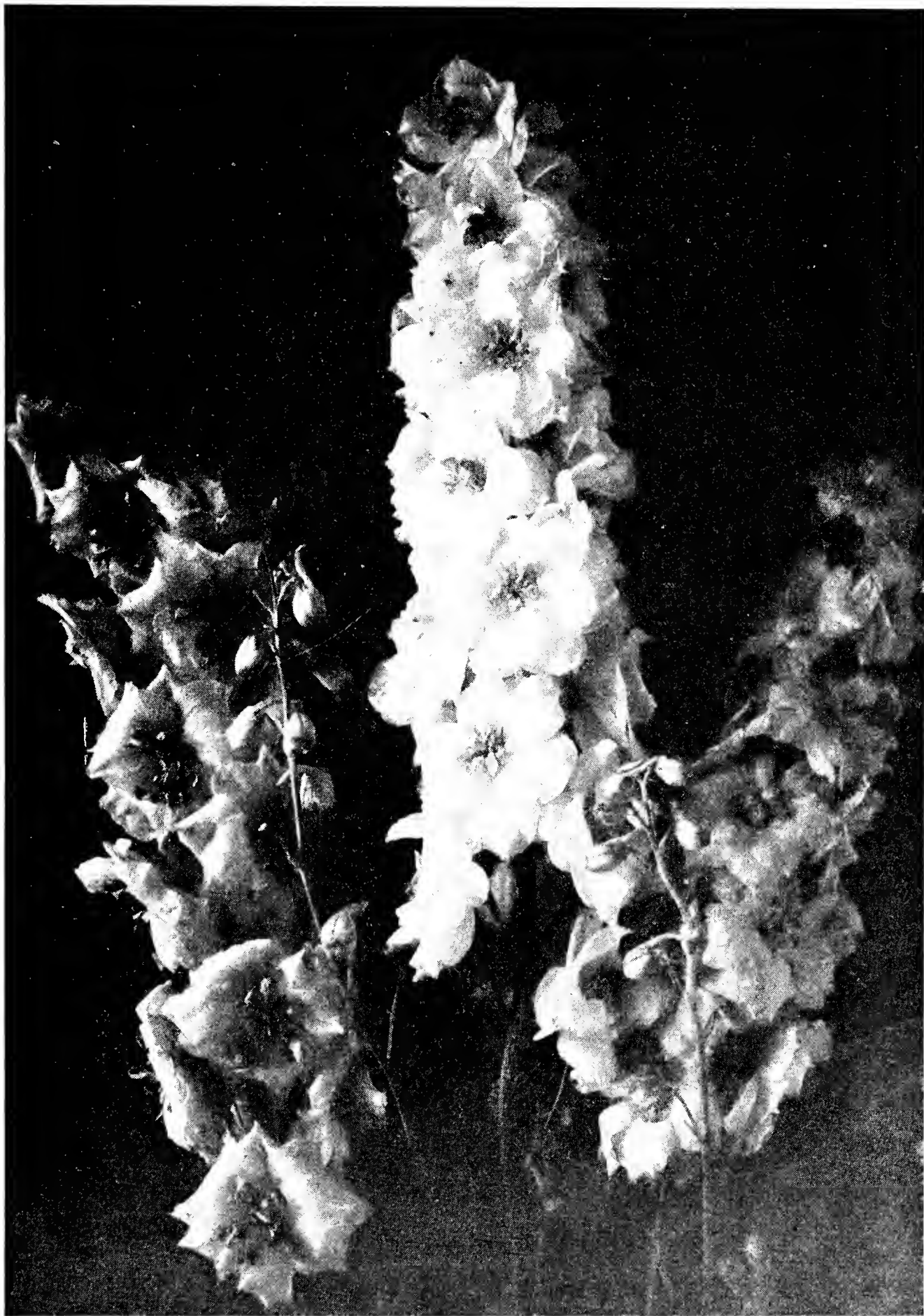
One of the loveliest flowers imaginable is a well grown White Delphinium. Its beautiful formation and glistening purity charm when other white flowers do not appeal, and even one spike introduced in a vase of others makes the high-light, so essential to a perfect picture. Upon the vigorous foundation stock of Hoodacres plantings has been born a new race, called HOODACRES WHITES, a revelation to the world and the dream of many come true; the most surprising Delphinium development of the century.

After many years of skillful endeavor by the breeders of the world to produce a good semi-double White Delphinium, it remained for HOODACRES, in America, to bring forth this remarkable accomplishment. And it has been done with the fewest possible intermediate stages of development. The magnificent spikes of purest white are carried as tall and on just as rugged plants as the ones with color. This will be observed in the photographs reproduced in this booklet. *There are no duplicates of these WHITES anywhere in the world.*

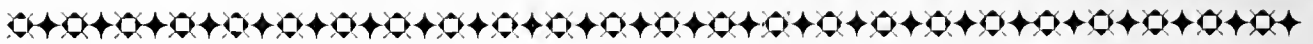
Albinos of the past have been weak and of little worth. Quite as by magic these white creations came, leaving the hybridizers puzzling as to how it was brought about. But the Unseen is a world of actuality and there all things first exist. All we can do is to cooperate in making the conditions on this plane suitable for the reception of such new things.

HOODACRES SHIPS SAFELY--COAST TO COAST

Calais, Maine, May 1933. "Received the Seedlings and they are fine. Let me congratulate you on the condition of them, coming as they did from one coast to the other."



ANGEL'S BREATH with dusky companions. Short laterals.



HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY

White Varieties

WHITE SISTER. Clear white double flowers of good size and fine form, well set on medium length spikes. Strong plants \$5.00 each.

PEARL NECKLACE. Large flowers of the purest glistening white and carried on a splendid size spike. This is an outstanding creation with its vigorous growth and luxuriant foliage. Strong plants \$10.00 each.

ANGEL'S BREATH. The same double, pure white large flowers as above but with a center of fawn. Beautiful combination. Strong plants \$7.50 each.

VELVABEE. Clear white double flowers with centers black. For the charm of vivid contrast and purity this variety excels. Specimens in June 1934 attained a height of seven and a half feet, with spike of proportionate length. \$12.00 each.

BRIDAL GOWN. A Hoodacres white with single blossoms. Handsome flowers and excellent plants. \$3.00 each.

PEARL NECKLACE SEEDLINGS. Excellent specimens; large, pure white and double, but with slight variations from the parent that only the very critical would recognize. Although of greater value they are placed in one class to meet the demand for a true Hoodacres White at \$3.00 each. 25% off on 6 or more.

VELVABEE SEEDLINGS. Of the same quality as Pearl Necklace Seedlings but possessing the Velvabee characteristics. \$4.00 each.

ANGEL'S BREATH SEEDLINGS. Duplicating the whiteness of above varieties but having centers similar to the parent. \$3.50 each.

White Seeds, page 15.

All Delphinium plants, except Small Seedlings, are one to two years old. Mature plants usually sent by express. No charge for box or packing.

Fall shipments begin about the middle of September and continue into November.



SHIPS MAST, Hoodacres White



HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY

COLORED VARIETIES

Selected Hoodacres Hybrids

Cannot be too highly recommended. From many thousand plants, we select each season, at time of blooming, by a system of careful checking and labeling, a limited number of exceptional merit that are distinguished into *light*, *medium* and *dark* shades. These are grown into strong blooming specimens before they are sent out and are known as SELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS and HOODACRES-WREXHAM HYBRIDS. See page 12.

Unselected Hoodacres Hybrids

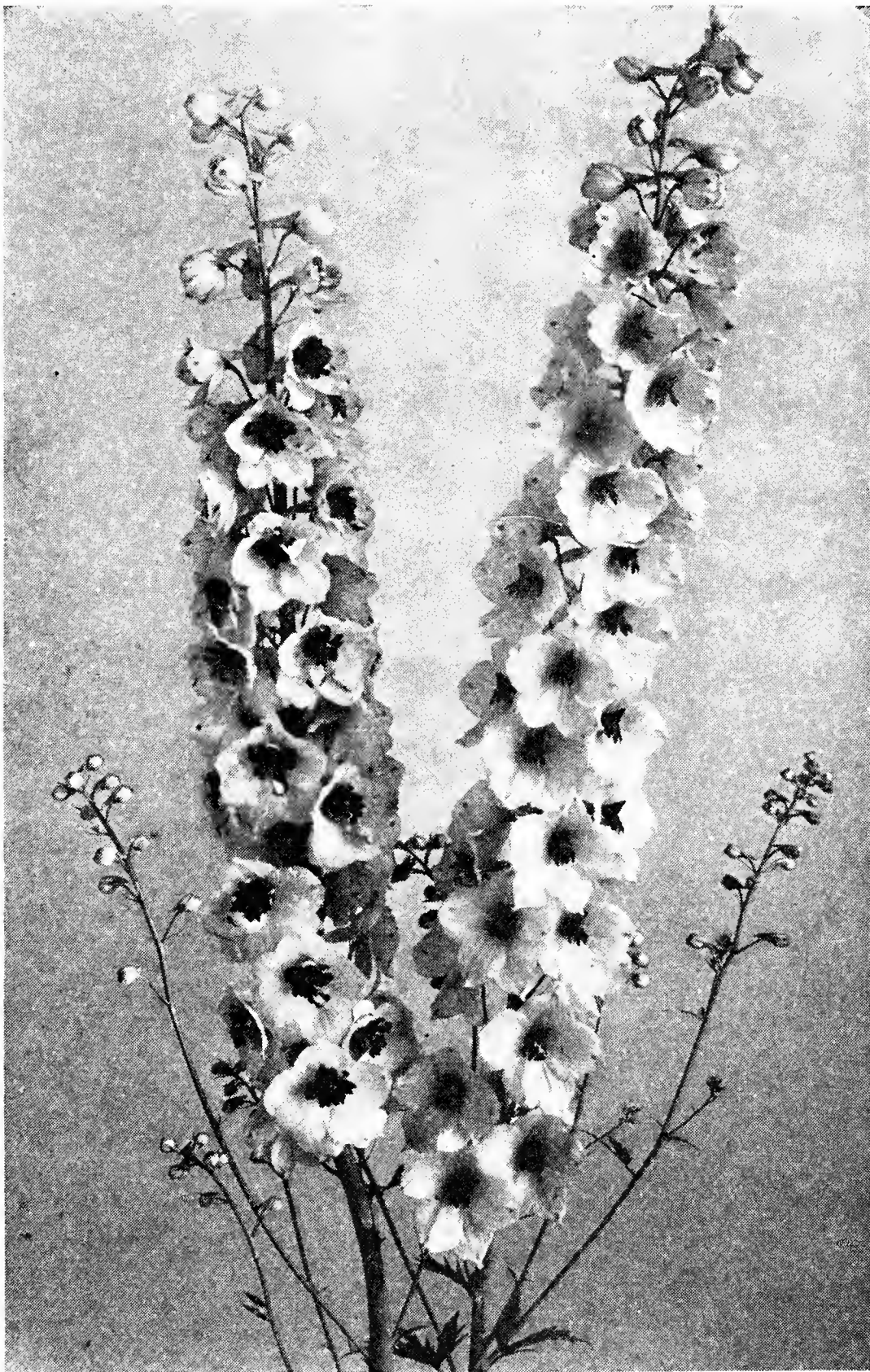
are sold from the general planting, after all doubtful ones have been eliminated when in bloom. Many forms and colors. These give remarkable satisfaction and frequently single specimens are found to be worth the cost of a dozen. The price is low enough to encourage liberal planting. Do you know the pleasure of a Delphinium patch from which to cut freely for indoor decoration? See page 12.

PEARL NECKLACE—BEAUTIFUL BEYOND WORDS

Dublin, N. H., July 1933. "I have had great success with my Delphiniums grown from your seeds. They have been tremendously admired and I have given your address to many friends. I have in bloom at this moment some marvelous plants of Pearl Necklace, two years old. They are beautiful beyond words."

IN A CLASS BY THEMSELVES

Springville, New York, March 1933. "I was one of a committee of three having charge of all Delphiniums entered at the Buffalo Flower Show. Needless to say there were many beautiful specimens but when Mrs. B. of Lancaster entered hers they were *in a class by themselves*. She gave me your address."



Effective Single Flowered Kinds

From Emily Post, Edgartown, Mass. "The plants were too wonderful—I have never seen such splendid clumps. I am sure they will 'behave' beautifully and be a credit to us both."



HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY

Delphinium Plants

SELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS. (Page 10.) Each a representative plant, carefully selected at time of blooming for its superior individual quality. We can fill orders from either light, medium or dark sections, or make up a blend of colors. \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75, 12 for \$10.00.

UNSELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS. (Page 10.) Of the same age as above, without color selection. \$3.00 dozen; 2 dozen, \$5.00.

HOODACRES-WREXHAM HYBRIDS. As the name implies, these are from Hoodacres and Wrexham crossing and are exceptional specimens. \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, 12 for \$18.00.

WREXHAM STRAIN. The name "Wrexham" is being extensively used to sell plants and seeds having none of the true characteristics. Our stock is maintained strictly to type, with broad-based tapering spikes. \$3.00 each.

HOODACRES WHITE. (Prices on page 8.)

Small Seedlings

Topmost quality. Spring shipment only. Good condition arrival guaranteed. The demand each spring for small unbloomed plants is now met. They are from August sowings, carried through winter in outdoor frames, insuring splendid vigor for late summer blooming. Prepared to ship safely anywhere on the North American continent. From following seed stock, specimen plants:

COMPLETE RANGE of Shades and Forms.

LIGHT SHADES only, finest varieties.

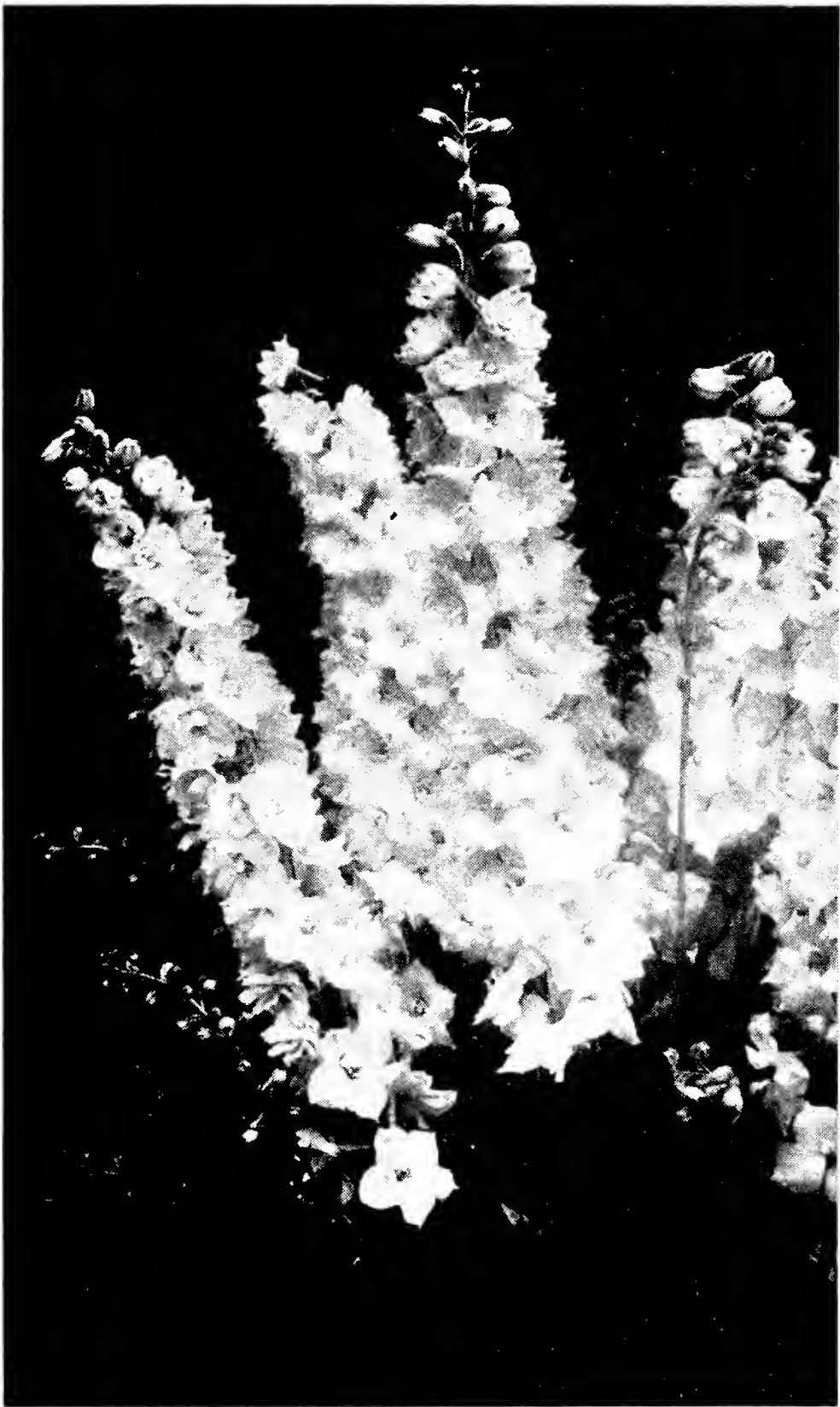
DARK SHADES only, finest varieties.

WREXHAM Strain separate.

12 for \$1.50, 24 for \$2.50. Less than 12 and 4 or more 25c each. We pay parcel post charges.

Small Seedlings—White

Seeds taken from choicest White plants. \$3.00 per dozen, 2 dozen \$5.00. Percentage of white plants not guaranteed.



PEARL NECKLACE SEEDLINGS

HOODACRES SEEDS IN MERRIE ENGLAND

England, 1931. "Something just over 50 per cent of the plants I raised from your White packet came white. All are double except one, which is a large single with a fawn eye. The general habit is very good and the pips are of good size, in most cases 2 to 2½ inches. I am very pleased with them."



HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY

Seeds of Hoodacres Delphiniums

One of the most exacting operations at Hoodacres is the protection and collection of *seeds* from prepared specimen plants. Only such are used—we do not gather from the general planting. All seeds we send out are from the latest harvest season and therefore as fresh as possible. Older ones are practically worthless.

Hoodacres **COMPLETE RANGE** of shades and forms. A carefully apportioned collection from finest individual plants. Not an ordinary mixture. Into this class we are now putting seeds of the very newest varieties, of which we have insufficient stock to offer separately. Liberal packets \$1.00.

ALLTYPES SELECTION. From Selected Hoodacres Hybrids, very light to very dark shades, mostly double. Packets 50c. Ounce rates to the trade.

SUNRISE PINK. A real Delphinium pink of lightest tone. Much in demand. Pkt. \$2.00.

MISTLAND BLUE. In double-flowered Delphiniums self blues are rare. This is a charming medium tone, between azure and intense blue and sometimes called “powder blue”. Pkt. \$2.00.

RED RAMA. A color that stands out strongest among Delphiniums. The petalage is intense violet-red and a large center of pure white. Pkt. \$2.00.

CLASSIFIED SEEDS—DOUBLE VARIETIES

Navajo. Lightest shades, white centers.

Ottawa. Lightest shades, dark centers.

Pawnee. Medium shades, white centers.

Quapaw. Medium shades, dark centers.

Rama. Dark shades, white centers.

Shasta. Dark shades, dark centers.

Pkt. \$1.00, separate only. The set of 6 packets for \$5.00.

Any seed order from this catalog amounting to \$6.50 for \$5.00. Amounts in excess of \$6.50 at 25% discount.



HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

MAUVE MANTLE. Singularly attractive in the throng of beautifully colored spikes. True mauve and practically a self. Seeds from specimen plants. Pkt. \$2.00.

MANZANITA. Deepest red-purple, semi-double with black center and large. Plants strong and symmetrical. One of the most impressive in our fields. Pkt. \$2.00.

WREXHAM Strain alone. From typical plants only. True Wrexham shape is broad and tapering. Pkt. \$1.00.

Hoodacres White

Originator's True Stock

DOUBLE VARIETIES MIXED. Pkt. \$3.00.

PEARL NECKLACE only. Pkt. \$4.00.

ANGEL'S BREATH only. Pkt. \$2.50.

WHITE SISTER only. Pkt. \$2.50.

VELVABEE. One of the newest developments in White Delphiniums—quite startling—a large flower of purest white with center or bee of inky blackness. Pkt. \$5.00.

Some New Creations at Hoodacres

HOODACRES OPALSPIRE

Only by first bringing the Hoodacres White Delphiniums into this lower world was the development of these delicate and captivating shadings made possible. They spring directly from the choicest white kinds, such as Pearl Necklace and Velvabee and partake of the same general characteristics and quality.

The name, OPALSPIRE, suggests the color tones which run from delicate pearl to the stronger opal effects, some being tender pink or soft lilac. The charm of them cannot be imagined but appeal to the eye is immediate and they are singled out for unqualified praise when seen in the garden.

Seeds \$3.00 pkt.

Any seed order from this catalog amounting to \$6.50 for \$5.00. Amounts in excess of \$6.50 at 25% discount.

REX OREGONUS

This is of the original Wrexham form developed at Hoodacres upon our superior root system and strong constitutioned stock. Its unusual stature and generous proportions throughout is attested by the reproduction (page 3) but only the reality can convey its impressiveness. Spikes are eight inches in diameter at the base and nearly three feet in length. Florets are semi-double, azure and lilac mauve with dark center. Only seeds this season.

\$5.00 Pkt.

CHARLESTA

The New Fragrant Plant Marvel

Even though plant surprises are quite frequent at Hoodacres, the wonder of this one does not cease. It combines both beauty and delightful **fragrance** on a plant with broad massive spikes and a remarkable constitution. It builds into large symmetrical plants, seven feet tall and loaded with semi-double flowers of a medium blue with mauve, the blue predominating. In the beginning of our work some of the fragrance in Delphinium plants was inclined to be fleeting but this carries over from year to year. Seeds and plants next year.

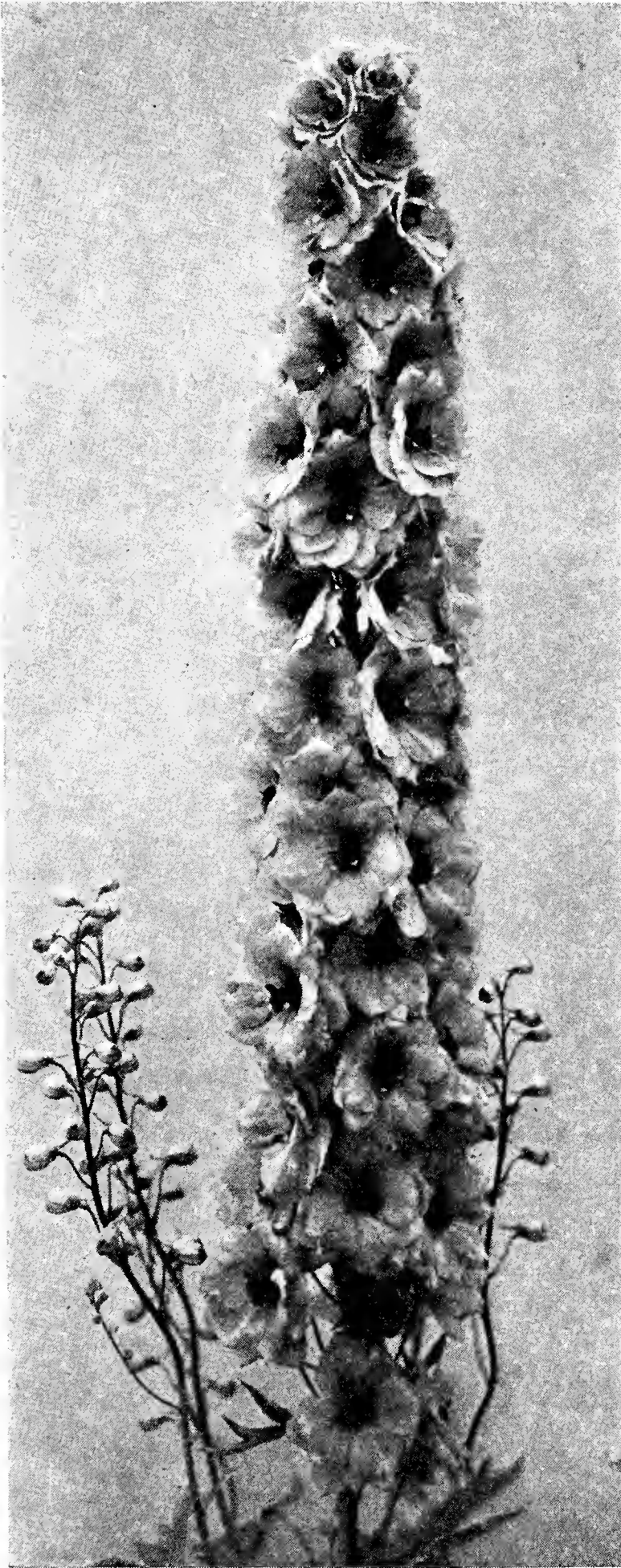
The New Class, CONSPICUA

Extraordinary centers, surprising contrasts. After some years of effort in evolving unusual size "bees" we have now reached the point where we can share the seeds with our customers. Some of these are deep blue or purple carrying extra large white centers; others are medium shades with immense jet black and all are beautiful. In the illustration, page 37, the flower at the left is also fragrant. Seeds only, \$3.00 pkt.

Explicit planting instructions sent with each seed order.

Unless otherwise demanded, all seed orders received after June 1st will be filled from the new crop, ready about August 1st. August planting will bloom the following summer.

Watch for **fragrance** in Hoodacres seedlings. There are frequent outcroppings here.



THE WORLD OVER

Buffalo, N. Y.,
June 1934. "We have
purchased delphinium
seed all over the
world, but the flowers
from yours are
far the best we have
a n y w h e r e o b -
tained."



Hollins, Va., Octo-
ber 1933. "Twice I
have ordered your
delphinium seed
and each time been
thrilled with the re-
sults. One of the
professors here
said, 'If I thought I
could get such as
these I would be
tempted to dig up
mine and begin all
over again'."

Another Fine Hoodacres Origination, SIR ARTHUR



How to Grow Delphiniums from Seeds

The seed-bed, whether flat, cold-frame or open ground, cannot be too carefully prepared. Avoid any risky element in the soil. We must both encourage the seeds to germinate and have congenial conditions ready for the sensitive infant plants. When pots or flats are used put ample drainage material at the bottom, shards or gravel, and over this some sphagnum or peat moss. A good seed soil is three parts clean and friable garden loam, one part sweet leaf mold and one part pure sharp sand, mixed well with a little charcoal and screened fine. Level and press smooth before planting the seeds and if soil is dry water two hours ahead of sowing. Sow the seeds in shallow drills, never more than one-fourth inch deep, and fill them with fine clean sand. *Never let the seed-bed dry out for even a moment*, nor should it be kept soggy.

For August sowing, cold-frames without glass may be used (where they can remain over winter) shading well until germination takes place. They will flower the following summer. Very early spring sowing in gentle heat will also produce bloom the same season (greenhouse or hotbed). Once transplanted before going into permanent place induces fuller root system.

A half-inch layer of sand on top of seed-bed will afford winter protection, and discourage slugs.

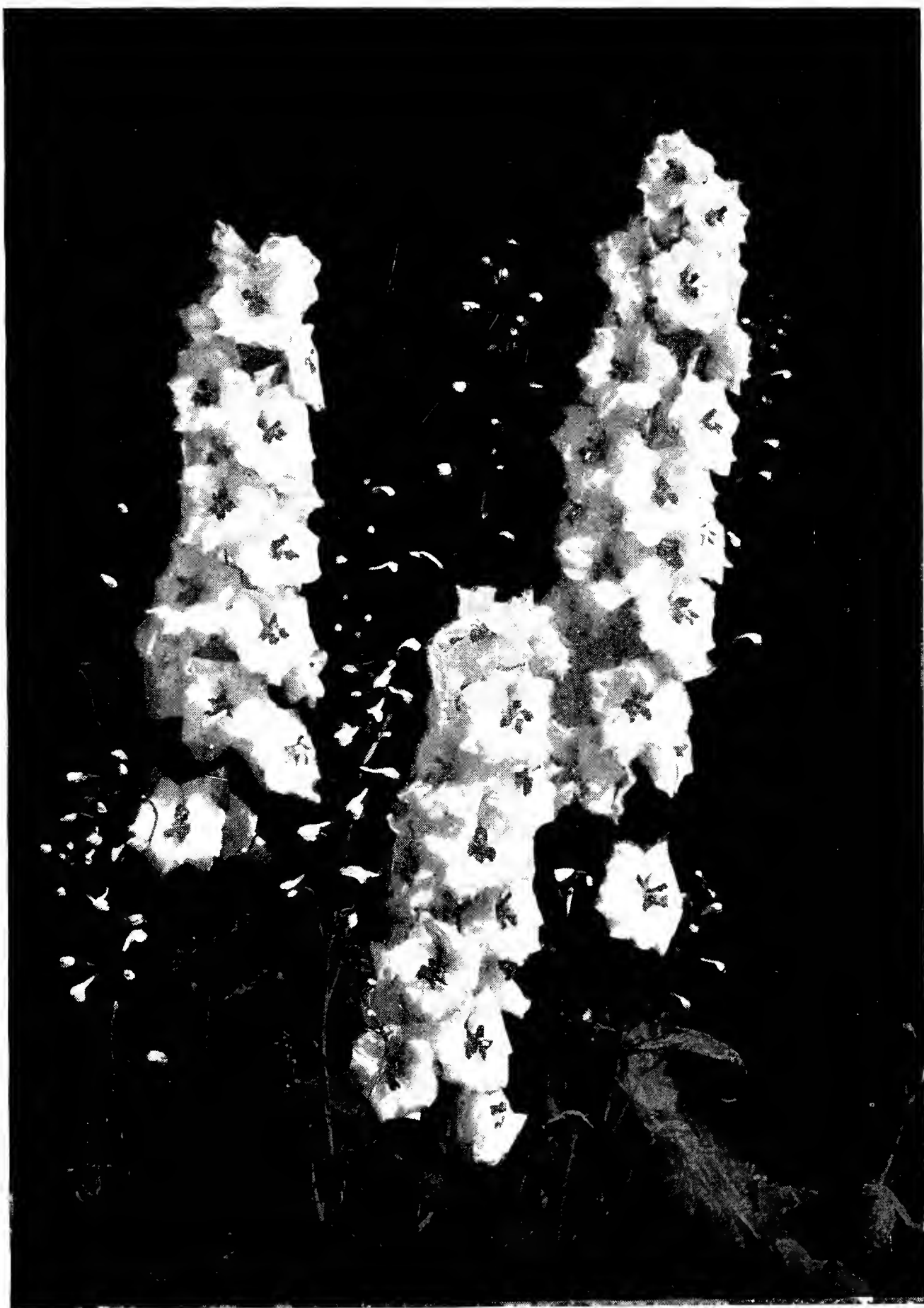
Hoodacres seeds are harvested throughout the month of July and are usually ready to send out the first week in August, just in time to be sown for carrying over winter.

It is unsafe to sow out-of-doors after August (except in California and similar climates), as frost will lift the too small plants.

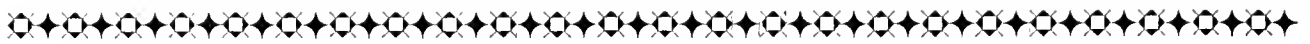
Delphinium seeds are only at their best when fresh and should not be counted upon when more than one year old. The fresher they are the more prompt will be germination. We never send out old harvesting.



HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS



Hoodacres White, VELVABEE



HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY

Two Real Books on The Delphinium

*Both, New and Invaluable to the Grower or
Would-be Grower*

DELPHINIUMS: THEIR HISTORY AND CULTIVATION. By George A. Phillips, an English authority on this subject. Finely gotten up; entertaining and instructive along Delphinium lines. Illustrated, 250 pages, \$2.50.

BOOK OF THE AMERICAN DELPHINIUM SOCIETY. A treatise by various authors specially fitted to deal with their particular phase of the subject; breeding, culture, judging, etc. Also illustrated, 150 pages, \$1.50.

Send us your order.

HOODACRES STOCK + GOOD GARDENING = GREAT DISPLAYS

Wellsboro, Pa., April 1934. "The Elmira Garden Club came here to see our Delphiniums in bloom. No one around here has as fine blossoms as we get and all are from your seed."

OUTPERFORMS THEM ALL

Jacksonville, Fla., August 1933. "It is the concensus of opinion among my friends who know Delphiniums that your seedlings out-perform all other varieties in this locality. I feel that I should personally know as I have tried in the past four years twenty-one strains of foreign and domestic origin."

SEEDS THAT GERMINATE

Youngstown, Ohio, February 1933. "The germination of Delphinium seeds from you last fall was exceptionally good. This has been a source of gratification as I have had a lot of poor germination results from English seeds, (—), (—), (—), (—), all direct from the growers. Although the severe frost apparently killed them they are starting to grow already."



Mrs. L. H. Elliott's Fine Planting of Hoodacres Delphiniums
at Gates Mills, Ohio.

THE COMMERCIAL ASPECT

Akron, Ohio, April 1933. "Your ALLTYPES mixture of Delphinium seed produced some very outstanding plants last year. I have sold all I raised at a better price than for any other strain."

Delphinium Culture

Plants are safely moved throughout the fall and *early* spring. Except in very wet, cold soils, *autumn planting is strongly recommended*. They are not checked when spring growth starts.

After getting well-grown plants, allow a two-foot space for each and open the earth to same depth, and 18 inches in breadth, filling the lowest foot with a mixture of *very old* manure and garden soil, well mixed and tamped.

Complete filling with the best soil you can provide, preferably containing some woods leaf mold, and made thoroughly friable.

If the sub-soil is very heavy, dig the hole six inches deeper and fill that depth with coarse gravel to insure perfect drainage. If of a clayey nature, incorporate sand and peat-moss with a little ground limerock to prevent caking, as much of the vigor of the plant comes from the tiny surface roots. Set crowns two inches below the surface, the roots well spread and soil firmed against them before leveling. Avoid dense shade, roots of trees, and stuffy locations.

When growth first starts in spring, dig around each plant a trowel of bone-meal. Cut faded spikes to prevent seeding. It is the nature of hybrid Delphiniums to *bloom a second time* in the season and as the second growth appears the old stalk yellows, is no longer required, and should be cut down. Do not force this second growth; rather allow a short resting period, then give another supply of bone-meal, *being careful not to destroy the fine surface-feeding roots*, and water as needed. If the weaker growths are removed when plants are a few inches high, the remaining ones will benefit. Well-grown Delphiniums will bloom the first season after planting and, being true perennials, should, with favorable conditions, increase in size and grandeur each year.

As figs do not grow on thistles, no matter how we tend them, no more can you expect show spikes on your Delphiniums if stock is procured from unskilled growers.

Delphinium Enemies

The clean garden discourages many enemies, especially the bacterial ones. Decaying litter provides them a good home.

Avoid fresh manures near plants as you would the pestilence. And use any high-powered fertilizer with extreme caution. It is much safer to stick to the plain old-fashioned foods that we all know how to deal with.

Before the Delphiniums start growth in spring a lime-sulphur spraying of the soil, at the orchard strength of ten to one, is an excellent precautionary measure.

If there is a tendency to mildew or black-spot, adding Black-leaf 40 to the lime-sulphur at the rate of one tablespoon to three gallons of water, is recommended. Fortunately, Hoodacres is quite free from these disturbances.

Slugs will sometimes leave home merely by the use of sharp sand strewn over the ground, but more persistent breeds may need copper sulphate crystals crushed fine and scattered where they raid. This is very poisonous and must be handled accordingly.

CONTINUOUS STREAM OF VISITORS

Belleville, Ontario, July 1932. "Last year I bought a packet of your Complete Range seeds and one of Wrexham. At the present moment the plants are in full bloom and present a sight not soon forgotten. I took eight first prizes with them two weeks ago. There was nothing at the show to equal them. As a result there has been a continuous stream of visitors, all of them amazed at the size and perfection of spike and flower and the range of shades embraced."

THE TALK OF THE TOWN

Butte, Montana, August 1933. "I have had a glorious display of Delphiniums this season, some plants reaching eight feet in height, with individual florets two and three-fourths inches in diameter. They are the talk of the town."

The Garden Trim
Hoodacres Hybrid Heuchera

A new race of "Coral Bells" or "Fairy Flowers". Greater vigor and blooming quality. Handsome evergreen foliage, many wiry stems clothed with bells of rich and vivid shades, also soft pinks and white. An ideal edging plant for all the year and brilliant with color over a long period. An ornament in the rock garden and a lasting cut-flower. When this plant is grown in colonies it becomes a revelation of beauty. One of our specialties.

RAIN OF FIRE. Strong coral red bells.

EDGE HALL. Dwarfed, light pink.

MELODY. Light coral pink, tall, abundant bloomer and marvelous for massing.

ANGELUS BELLS. Charming medium tone of coral, a shade lighter than Rain of Fire.

ALBATROSS, NEBULEUSE and FARAFENE. White flowered forms.

GORGEOUS. A new variety from England, highly recommended for its bright tone of coral. Medium growth.

LIGHT OF ALLAH. One of the most distinctive new varieties, a deeper, intenser, tone of red than any of its predecessors. Highly effective and very floriferous. *Seedlings only* of this variety at present available, but closely resemble the parent.

30c each, 3 for 75c, dozen \$2.50.

HEUCHERA SEEDLINGS in splendid colors, mostly shades of coral. 6 for \$1.00, dozen \$1.75, 100 \$12.50. Priced for mass plantings. Two months' glorious display.

We offer plants only.

The New Viola—Jersey Jewell

A vast improvement over the fine variety, Jersey Gem. Twice the size of blossoms and true "Pansy Violet" color. Perpetual flowering habit and very profuse. Plants build up into large clumps, sheeted over with bloom. 25c each, 3 for 60c, dozen \$2.00.

We cannot fill plant orders of less than \$1.00.



HOODACRES HYBRID HEUCHERA

HOODACRES HEUCHERAS IN OHIO

Ohio, June, 1934. "My Pearl Necklace Delphiniums and the Heucheras have been tremendously admired."



HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY

Oriental Poppies

For splendor they occupy a place of their own. We have eliminated from our plantings all the old small-flowered and common orange kinds.

LADY MOORE. Glowing salmon-pink. Keeps its color and blooms along with Delphiniums; remarkable color combination, 24 in. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

AUSTRALIA. Immense size, rich deep carmine bowls standing three feet in height. This remarkable Hood-acres variety is one of the two Oriental Poppies which received the highest rating in 1933 by the judges who passed upon the entire field of available kinds. \$1.50 each. Larger roots \$2.00.

TRILBY. Another outstanding Oriental. Large shapely blossoms of lustrous red, petals crinkled. An important feature is its late-blooming quality which happily extends the season. \$1.50 each. Larger roots \$2.00.

Hemerocallis

Daylilies

Most effective border plants in their greatly improved forms, that bloom after the plethora of flowers is past. Tones of yellow and gold and heights from eight inches to four feet. New shades and largest blossoms. All good bloomers.

DOVER. Clear orange-yellow, 24 in. 75c, 3 for \$1.75.

J. A. CRAWFORD. Very large rich apricot yellow, shaded deeper. \$1.25, 3 for \$3.00.

The older varieties, **FLAVA**, early, and **THUNBERGII**, late, 25c each, 3 for 60c.

MARGARET PERRY. A superior European variety, shapely, good size and form. The coloring is splendidly defined in contrast with most deep toned varieties. Bright russet throughout, set off with a golden throat and lines running the length of petals. Continuous bloomer. \$3.00 each.

HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS



Tower Bells

Campanulas of the new "Giant" peachbells class, standing four to five feet high with tough stems, clothed their length with great bells of Bradley's Violet. Splendid Delphinium companions, hardy and long blooming. 40c each, 3 for \$1.00, dozen \$3.50.



The Picturesque Japanese Iris for American Gardens

Their form, their markings and their color effects are distinctly Oriental, and strike a new and captivating note of garden pleasure. The foliage is upright and ornate, in contrast to the coarse leafage of some other plants.

It is difficult to express by words the many variations in tone that result from nature's use of violet shades and white, embellished with gold, which are the prevailing base colors of the class. Yet they run from the most intense red and blue violets or purple down through their most delicate shadings to pure white. Many of our newest hybrids are particularly charming in tender orchid tones.

Their culture is easy, but exacting as to their simple wants. The soil must be on the acid side and this excludes lime and bone meal. Leaf mold and old stable manure may be used quite freely for richness, and to create greater acidity apply in spring a light dressing of aluminum sulphate. Then be sure that before and during the blooming season there is no lack of moisture in the soil and if your plants are well chosen you will marvel at their size and opulence. But do not expect them to be at their best the first season after planting.

This is an exclusive list, omitting all varieties commonly catalogued that are inferior or superseded. Many of the largest and finest are our own hybrids, not previously offered.



The Orient in America

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Seeds of AQUILEGIAS (Columbines)

The plants with beautiful foliage and always charming flowers, for *sun* or *shade*. The Hoodacres strain is notable for its large flowers and long spurs, but especially its new deep colors. Packets contain the deeper colors along with medium and light shades, well proportioned, as Eastern Prince, Copper Queen, Silver Queen, Myrose, Golden Shore, Red Spur, etc. Pkt. 50c. Some of these varieties can be supplied separately.

HOODACRES LONG-SPURRED AQUILEGIAS

Elizabethtown, Pa., May 1934. "The Columbines I grew from your seeds are the finest I have ever seen, hence the order for additional ones."

PARDALINUM GIGANTEUM or **SUNSET LILY**. A new addition to the few that are choicest in Lilydom. Brighter in color than Pardalinum, larger and a giant in height. Easily grown. 75c each, 3 for \$1.75.

Testaceum Lilies

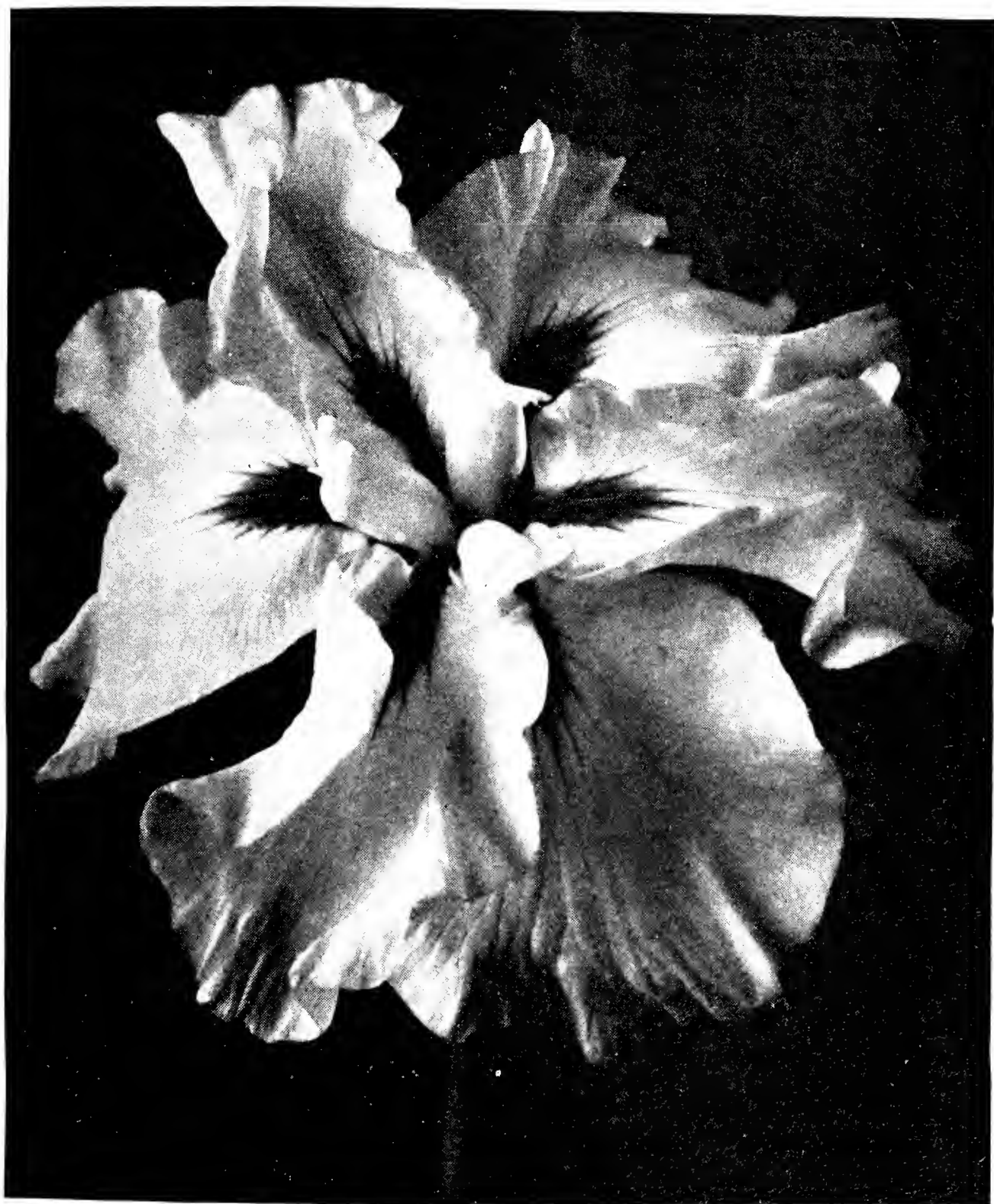
Imposing stature, beautiful "Nankeen" yellow color, exquisite fragrance, and healthy growth in ordinary soil, well drained. Limited number, blooming size at \$1.00 each; large size \$2.00. Fall delivery.

Washingtonianum (Mt. Hood) Lilies

Blossoms very abundant, funnel-shaped, and opening white with purple dots in the throat, change like the trilliums until they finish in a rich wine color. Strong blooming size bulbs 50c each, \$5.00 a dozen. Fall delivery.

Regale Lilies

Well known as handsome garden subjects and reliable in many climes. The flowers are large and white, light yellow throat, and outside shaded winy. Being a stem-rooting bulb, it must be set deeply, eight to ten inches. Fine blooming bulbs, 30c to 75c each. 10% less by the dozen. Fall delivery.



A Hoodacres Jap, FUJISAN

Hoodacres Giant Japs

AMETHYST (19). Large wavy petals of soft amethyst, tall, single. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

APPLAUSE (HA46). Flecks of white on red-purple give this large single flower a pinky effect. 50c, 3 for \$1.20.



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ARABIAN (HA38). Broad overlapping large petals of red-violet. A telling deep single. 75c, 3 for \$1.75.

AZURE (68). Great wavy petals of mauve-blue deepening towards the golden arrow at base. Double. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

BETTY (Sm57). Raspberry purple with white feathering. Double, large tufted standards. An outstanding variety. Late blooming. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.50.

CRATER LAKE (Sm83). A beautifully crested double and the latest to bloom. Color is like the impudent blue-jay. \$1.50.

BLUE DANUBE (82). Large double, indigo-blue with violet. Rays of white from base. Showy. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

MANTLE O' BLUE (Sm97). Duplicate of Pink Mantle in all respects except color, which is a fine tone of blue. \$1.00.

CANDOR (HA41). Blue and white, single veined and mottled, pistils white, blue tipped. 50c, 3 for \$1.10.

CHARLOTTE (27). Bright violaceous-blue with gray-white mottling, yellow bar. Beautiful single. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

CLARICE CHILDS (10). Beautiful large single. Petunia-violet, bluer toward gold of base. 75c, 3 for \$2.00.

CLOISONNE (31). Tyrian blue and purple, white feathering towards base with orange arrow. Double. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

DAY DREAM (42). Soft pinkish lilac, lightly veined pale violet-blue, golden base. Single. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

EMMELINE BLUE (Sm42). Large, single, bright violet-blue. Very effective and pleasing. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

FUJISAN (HA51). A perfect flower. Plants most vigorous and abundant bloomer. Shades of fine light blue-lavender. Large double and fairly tall. \$2.50 each.

KASUGANO (142). Fine double, deep pink with deeper pencilings, gold bar, fine size. 75c, 3 for \$2.00.



The Japanese KALHIKO

KALHIKO (HA13). Large splendidly finished flower. Close blending of violet and white, producing a Chinese-blue effect. Gold arrows at petal base. Late double. One of the finest Japs grown. \$1.75 each.

LENA RIVERS (HA49). Very large single, broad white petals, surmounted by lightly veined standards. 30 inches. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.



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LUCIE MARSHALL (69). A spectacular large double. Pansy-violet intensified with broad gold spear, surrounded white and white pistils. Universally admired. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

MAHOGANY (109). Double large mahogany red. Very showy. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

MOUNT HOOD (140). A real blue, rarely seen in Japanese Iris. Flowers good size double. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

MRS. FRED HONEY (Sm90). Large double flower of velvety mulberry purple, prominent gold bars. A beautiful new variety. \$1.50 each.

MRS. JOHN HAWKER (Sm45). Unique in its distinct and rare coloring of coerulean blue. Flowers double. Highly valuable to the connoisseur. \$1.50.

TODAMO (HA48). Large double flowers, rich purple and gold. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

OCTOROON (HA86). Peacock decoration of gold, white and blue, shading into petal color of orchid-lavender. Exquisite single flower. 75c, 3 for \$2.00.

OUTRIDER (HA43). Medium violet single, flecked just enough with white to modify the tone. 75c, 3 for \$1.80.

PANOPLY (HA2). One of the newest and tallest singles. White flecks on blue, blue pistils, standards bright claret, gold feathering at base. Impressive for size and tone of Chinese blue. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.50.

PERFECT PEACE. A marvelous new flower. Purest white throughout, very large, with tall frilled crest in place of the usual standards. Its waxen purity is most captivating. \$1.50, 3 for \$4.00.

PINK MANTLE (Sm85). Three very large pink petals with a silver sheen. Deeper standards and pale lavender pistils add to its beauty. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.50.

PULCHER (HA63). A combination of white and soft pink, fine coloring, double and good size. Ideal for semi-shade. 75c, 3 for \$1.25.

QUEEN MAUVE (Sm77). A showy pinkish mauve, single, large and perfectly formed. The golden center rays off into darker pencilings. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.50.

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QUESADA (119). Medium size flowers, very red shade of purple. Much liked. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

YAQUINA (HA136). New variety with large double flowers, very red purple or russet. Unusual coloring. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.50.

SAVANT (HA35). Deep blue-purple single, shapely and good size. Exceptional value at 50c, 3 for \$1.10.

MOON O' SILVER (Sm92). Double flat formed blossoms of creamy white and pale gold bar at throat. The wavy petals are of exceptional substance. \$1.00.

SMITH GLORY (Sm93). Strikingly large and imposing. Purple with winy veins, giving a russet cast. Bright gold bars. Double and one of the newest. \$1.50, 3 for \$3.75.

SUPREMACY (HA83). Intense violet-blue single, large and symmetrical, with bold golden spears. 75c, 3 for \$2.00.

TATEYAMA (HA50). One of the finest shades in Japanese Iris. Large broad petals, light lavender-blue, taking on a near pinky tone. Vigorous single. 75c, 3 for \$2.00.

WHITE DRESS (HA84). Tall double white, prolific bloomer over long season. Golden spades at base. 75c, 3 for \$1.80.

YACHATS (HA92). Tall, vigorous and very red purple, single. 50c, 3 for \$1.25.

OPPORTUNITY COLLECTION. In addition to the above we are growing numerous varieties, ranging from 50c to \$1.00 in price, of which we have insufficient stock to list separately. These fine plants we now offer in collections, well balanced for color, at \$2.00 for 10, so long as they hold out.

HOODACRES PLANTS ARE SHOW GARDEN
SUBJECTS

Highlands, N. Carolina, September 1932. "We have about 50 fine Delphiniums from your seeds this year. Beautiful blooms, from six to seven feet, and a few fine Whites, Angel's Breath. My garden is considered the finest in North Carolina and many hundreds of visitors come to see it each summer."



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WE HAVE TRICKED THE POET

She sang:

*"Here are humming-birds that come
To seek the tall Delphinium;
Songless bird and scentless flower
Communing in a golden hour."*

(LOUISE DRISCOLL)

But Hoodacres has tapped the secret spring and lo, the perfume is tricking down into our Delphiniums to a surprising extent. It lodges in both white and colored kinds.

OUTCROPPING FRAGRANCE

Ashland, Oregon, March 1934. "From the packet of Hoodacres White seeds I have had many beautiful flowers. Two of them are perfumed and one has the Velvabee black center."

WELL GROWN, WELL SHIPPED, WELL RECEIVED

Evanston, Ill., May 1933. "I wish you to know that of all the Delphiniums I have had sent me from time to time, from all over the United States, yours are the most perfect. I was away at the time of their arrival, so they were heeled in for about three weeks, but remained in perfect condition."

MORE THAN JUSTIFIED SENDING SO FAR

Princeton, N. J., April 1933. "Your Delphinium have been superb—far the finest anywhere in this vicinity. My gardener and I are enthusiastic and feel we are more than justified in sending so far for the plants."

Beautifully Colored Lantern Slides

For loan to Garden clubs when DELPHINIUMS are to be featured.

The set numbers between 50 and 60 of artistic and exceptionally well executed subjects, mostly Delphiniums, with carefully prepared notes and a Delphinium talk. They are available to any accredited Garden Club, without charge, except payment of transportation one way.

In order to make sure of suitable dates application should be made as far in advance as possible.



HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS



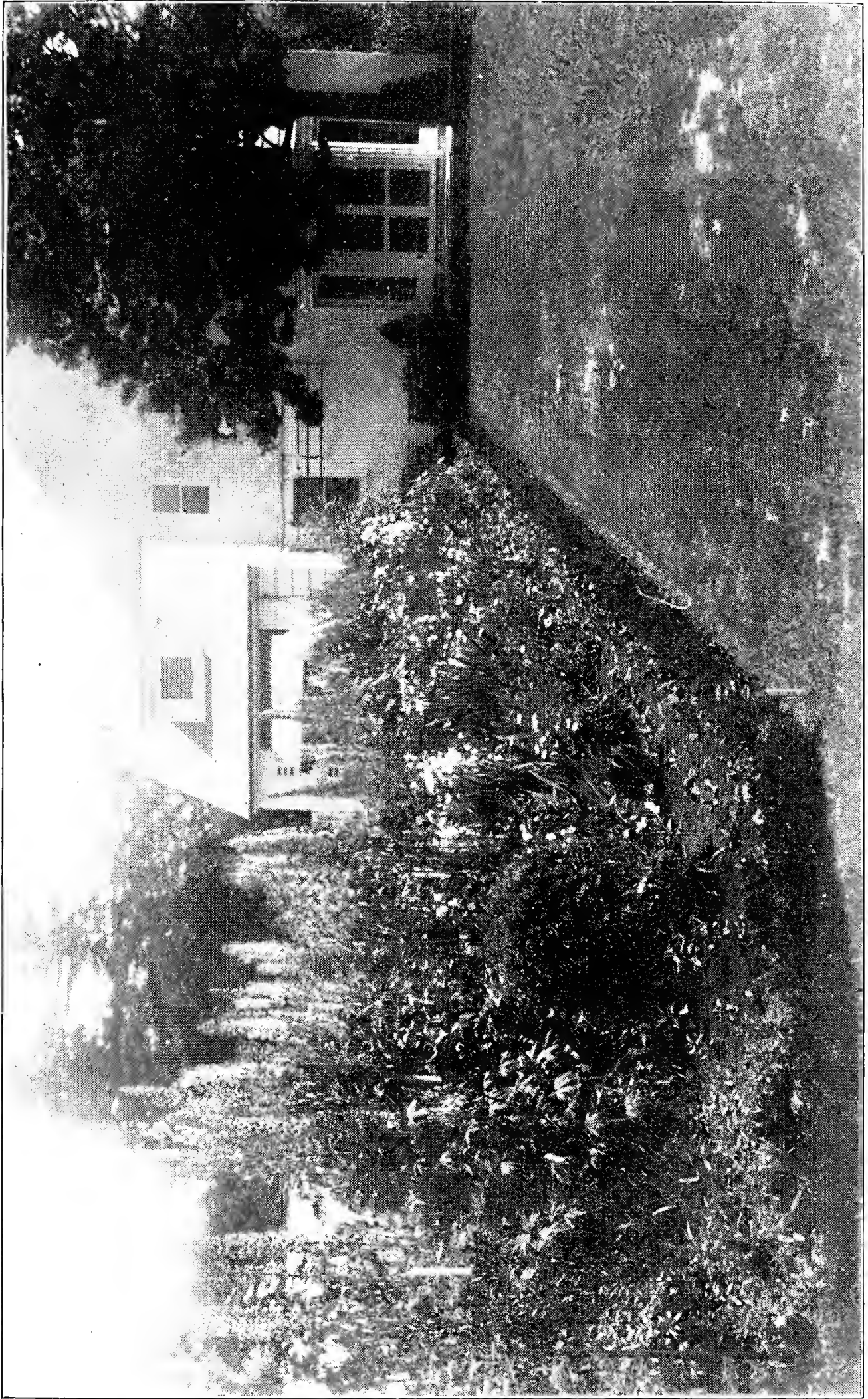
CONSPICUA, Specimen Centers

When Delphiniums Bloom

It is not difficult to comprehend why gardeners grow Delphiniums, or perennial Larkspurs. They do not grow them for profit, although those who tend the flowers may be commercial gardeners. They do not grow them for gain solely. If you have seen a garden of Delphiniums in full flower, ranging from the hue of a starless twilight to that of cloudless summer noon, you will know that gardeners could not think wholly of profit and grow Delphiniums.

It is simple enough to lose one's heart to any flower. The loveliness of it grows in the loam of one's heart and blooms there until the season of that flower is anticipated and a hunger comes for the witnessing of it. New leaves emerge from the soil, and bending over them, that delicate fragile green, one considers that they must bloom some day. And the flower stalk rises from amid the foliage, and buds appear, and eagerness hovers the miracle. It will be soon, now. It is in this wise that gardeners watch the Delphinium, and more observantly than any other of the garden's guests.

Nor are they ever unrewarded. There is a morning when the spires unfold, and modestly, and day to day the Delphiniums increase in stately stature and quaint beauty until there is no dream of blue that does not find its counterpart in the garden. There are tints past dreaming, as must ever be the case when the creative artistry vies with the fancy of mortals. Delphiniums are very satisfactory. To walk among them is to feel that providence is not unmindful of beauty, that it takes thought of the nurture of the spirit, and that the Delphiniums hold speech with you. There is a white-crowned sparrow singing in the rose.—Ben Hur Lampman, the Oregon poet.



HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS IN A WALLED GARDEN

The Queen's Gift

*Queen Isis walked in earth's garden,
In her silvery robes at night.
The moon cast a halo upon her path,
Guiding stars reflected their light.*

*As the Queen moved on in silence,
Many flowers had gone to sleep;
But fair lilies looked up in reverence,
The face of their ruler to meet.*

*The Queen blessed the chaste white lily
And she said, "You seem quite alone,
I will send unto you a sisler,"
And a white delphinium was grown.*

*The Queen walked again in her garden,
'Neath the light of the silvery moon;
Bringing to earth her new treasure
And seeking a place for its home.*

*Marked by a snow-capped mountain,
There appeared Hoodacres so fair;
So out from a heavenly garden,
The Queen planted her jewel there.*

INSPIRATIONALLY RECEIVED BY FLORENCE YOUNG.



(PERENNIAL LARKSPURS)